

Big-Time Work

Coming to New York Avenue, NE



What You Need to Know

Projects

- The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is conducting five improvement projects on or adjacent to New York Avenue, NE from the Maryland border to Florida Avenue, NE, travelers, businesses and neighbors can expect heavier delays and backups on the heavily-traveled corridor.

Traffic Impacts

- Traffic impacts will begin in September, increase in October, peak from March through June 2010 and continue through June 2011.
- Largest Impact:** A half-mile stretch of New York Avenue, NE will shrink from six lanes to four lanes to replace the deck of the New York Avenue bridge over the CSX rail line.
Expect 15-30 minute delay during construction period
- With concurrent improvement projects occurring on other DC roads, limiting traffic impacts on the already-congested New York Avenue corridor is a top goal of DDOT.

Impacts on Users

One-third Less Road Capacity

- During peak construction, two lanes on New York Avenue, NE will be taken out of service – however, two lanes in each direction will be maintained at all times.

Closures and Changing Traffic Patterns

- Patterns will shift for morning and evening commutes.
- Periodically, lanes will split and traffic will be routed around barriers.
- Approach and exit ramps for the 9th Street Bridge will be closed during portions of construction.

Shorter Merging Distances

- During construction, closed lanes will create shorter distances to change lanes and turn onto side roads.

Pedestrians & Cyclists

- Impacts may include occasional sidewalk and bike lane closures and detours.

Easing the Way

Ride-Sharing Incentive Program

- \$50/month fare-sharing options will be offered by DDOT to New York Avenue commuters (DC & non-DC), including one-on-one advice about options, whether bus, rail or organized vanpool.
- The first 1,000 eligible commuters will be enrolled.
- Similar program offered in 2007 to Douglass Bridge commuters.

Increased Green on New York Avenue, NE

- To keep traffic flowing during construction, longer green time on traffic signals will reduce impacts on New York Avenue, NE.
- Cross streets may experience longer than normal delays.

Lane Closures Kept to a Minimum

- Aside from the New York Avenue, NE bridge over CSX and the 9th Street, NE bridge, which both involve bridge deck removal, lanes will only be closed in off-peak hours or in the non-peak direction when possible.

Traffic Thresholds to Implement Relief Measures

- For short-term construction activities, DDOT will set thresholds for traffic impacts that require contractors to remove closures and reschedule work, thereby enabling backups to clear.

Educating the Public

- A significant public awareness effort is underway, including public meetings, community outreach, advertising, and traditional and social media outreach such as Facebook and Twitter.
- Travelers will be advised of impacts and encouraged to use alternative routes, modes and schedules.

Close Coordination with Maryland, Virginia and Stakeholders

- DDOT is closely coordinating with the Maryland State Highway Administration's CHART traffic system, Virginia DOT Traffic Management Center, neighboring counties, law enforcement and EMS services and other stakeholders.

Long-term Benefits

Create Jobs

- \$100M total value of five projects
- USDOT formula: 3,000 jobs

Ease Congestion

- More efficient intersection design and signal timing
- New turn-lanes in several locations
- Smoother roads

Improve Safety

- Safer pedestrian crossings and sidewalks
- Critical replacement of bridges in project area

Questions or Concerns

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What Commuters Can Do

Adjust work schedules

- Use flex-time or compressed work weeks, if practical.

Take Rail or Transit

- Avoid highway congestion by taking Metrorail or the MARC train. Visit www.goDCgo.com to assist with trip planning.

Ride-share

- Form a carpool or take a local or long-distance commuter buses. More details on alternatives are available at commuterconnections.org and commuterpage.com.
- Explore park and ride options at www.ddot.dc.gov/nyave.

Use Another Route

While alternative routes also are heavily traveled, alternative routes are:

- Option 1: Montana Avenue, NE to Rhode Island Avenue, NE to Lincoln Road, NE to North Capitol Street, NE
- Option 2: West Virginia Avenue, NE to Florida Avenue, NE
- Option 3: South Dakota Avenue, NE to Rhode Island Avenue, NE to Lincoln Road, NE to North Capitol Street, NE
- Option 4: Bladensburg Road, NE to Florida Avenue, NE
- Option 5: Direct traffic along Kenilworth Avenue, NE to three potential exits: Benning Road, East Capitol Street and Howard Road

Five Corridor Projects



A Resurfacing/rehabilitation of Brentwood Road NE, 9th Street NE, W Street NE, Edgewood Street NE

- Resurface, reconstruct and upgrade selected roads
- Improve curbs, gutters, sidewalks and storm water drainage system

B Replacement of 9th Street Bridge NE over New York Avenue & Railroads

- Improve pedestrian safety with wider sidewalks and enhanced, signalized intersections
- Ornamental light poles and fixtures, fencing, railings and landscaping, curbs and medians

C Reconstruction of New York Avenue Bridge over Railroad Tracks, NE and Approach Roadways

- Relocate and improve the existing bridge support system
- Construct new sidewalk
- Improve approaching roads and adjacent sidewalks

D Safety Improvements for First Street/Florida Avenue/ New York Avenue/Eckington Place, NE

- Upgrade traffic signals, streetlights, crosswalks and sidewalks
- Implement a circular flow to allow easy access for motorists, pedestrians and bikers

E Reconstruction of First Street, NE from K Street to New York Avenue, NE

- Replace existing road structures with new ramps and four operational lanes.



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